

Butter, Eggs, Poultry
BUTTER—Creamery, extra, 25c; 1 lb. 25c; 1/2 lb. 12c; 1/4 lb. 6c; 1/8 lb. 3c; 1/16 lb. 1c; 1/32 lb. 1/2c; 1/64 lb. 1/4c; 1/128 lb. 1/8c; 1/256 lb. 1/16c; 1/512 lb. 1/32c; 1/1024 lb. 1/64c; 1/2048 lb. 1/128c; 1/4096 lb. 1/256c; 1/8192 lb. 1/512c; 1/16384 lb. 1/1024c; 1/32768 lb. 1/2048c; 1/65536 lb. 1/4096c; 1/131072 lb. 1/8192c; 1/262144 lb. 1/16384c; 1/524288 lb. 1/32768c; 1/1048576 lb. 1/65536c; 1/2097152 lb. 1/131072c; 1/4194304 lb. 1/262144c; 1/8388608 lb. 1/524288c; 1/16777216 lb. 1/1048576c; 1/33554432 lb. 1/2097152c; 1/67108864 lb. 1/4194304c; 1/134217728 lb. 1/8388608c; 1/268435456 lb. 1/16777216c; 1/536870912 lb. 1/33554432c; 1/1073741824 lb. 1/67108864c; 1/2147483648 lb. 1/134217728c; 1/4294967296 lb. 1/268435456c; 1/8589934592 lb. 1/536870912c; 1/17179869184 lb. 1/1073741824c; 1/34359738368 lb. 1/2147483648c; 1/68719476736 lb. 1/4294967296c; 1/137438953472 lb. 1/8589934592c; 1/274877906944 lb. 1/17179869184c; 1/549755813888 lb. 1/34359738368c; 1/1099511627776 lb. 1/68719476736c; 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FRENCH AT WORK ON THE DETAILS OF RUHR AGREEMENT

Commissioners Admit They
Are Not Yet Out of Woods
in Situation, but Display
Optimism.

MUST DISENTANGLE THE RAILROADS FIRST

German Mine Owners Show
Willingness to Co-operate
— Subject to Revision
After April 15 Next.

By the Associated Press.
DUSSELDORF, Nov. 24.—The French economic commission today began work on the Ruhr mine owners' agreement signed yesterday in order that coal deliveries may be brought to pre-occupation figures. The transportation difficulties, however, must first be disentangled as the dislocation of the railroad system is complete.

The French commissioners, although admitting they are not yet out of the woods in the Ruhr situation, display optimism over the agreement as proof of the willingness of the Germans to co-operate, and foresee no difficulty in arranging the details.

Agreement Runs to April 15.
The short term agreement ending on April 15 next gives the Germans a chance to ask for amelioration of the conditions, while reserving to the French the right to request a higher ratio than 10 per cent of the deliveries for the reparations accounts should working conditions warrant such request.

Herr Vogel of the Deutsche Luxemburg mining group, acting in behalf of the Ruhr Mine Owners' Association, signed the conditions originally stipulated by the Franco-Belgian control commission by recommending operations in coal deliveries.

The signing last night came after strenuous negotiations which have been going on intermittently for more than a week and the agreement reached will last until April 15, 1924. The belief is that the agreement with the commission includes the Ruhr-Good Hope group, the Ruhr-Dortmund group, the Ruhr-Harpen group and the Ruhr-Stines and Fritz Thyssen group, accounting for about 80 per cent of the coal production in the Ruhr, the remaining 20 per cent being controlled by the Wolff-Phoenix-Krupp concerns, which previously signed separate agreements. The text of the document covers 47 pages and is highly technical.

\$15,000,000 in Back Taxes.
The mine owners under this agreement will pay \$15,000,000, or about 20,000,000 francs, as back coal taxes for the first 12 months of the year, and deliver 10 per cent of their production free to the allies as reparations, also paying 10 francs a ton for the other coal sold. The accumulated coal stocks in the Ruhr, Oct. 1, will become the property of the allies.

The system of export licenses will remain in force, and stocks of iron and steel can be released only upon payment of the taxes due and can be exported only in quantities equivalent to the average reparations deliveries of last year.

The by-products, such as ammonia, benzol, coal tar, etc., are subject to a special agreement effective until April 15, 1924.

Essen Coup d'Etat Thwarted.
Herr Budan, leader of the unemployed demonstration movement, was arrested there yesterday and from his admissions the police say they have learned that a general armed attack on the authorities had been planned for yesterday, secretly drilled for a coup d'etat.

Essen's casualty list shows that three policemen, one manifestant and a Red Cross male nurse were killed and about 25 manifestants wounded. At Rotthausen, a policeman and five manifestants were killed and a score wounded.

Reparations Taken as Another Concession by France.
By the Associated Press.
PARIS, Nov. 24.—It is felt in official circles here that France made another important concession to the allies and to Germany in the con-

"GERMANY IS BREAKING UP, A NEW EUROPE IS BEING SHAPED," LONDON TIMES SAYS

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Nov. 24.—The condition of Germany today is infinitely worse than it has been at any moment since Germany became an Empire, says the London Times today. The Reichstag, in the present circumstances, is a mere form and fiction, and through it common anarchy yesterday recorded its verdict. What will happen now is almost an insurmountable problem for Stresemann, Ebert and their associates, and it is a very serious problem for all the world.

"Germany is breaking up. The fact must be realized now as the most important event in contemporary Europe, with the great tribulation of Russia in the background."

The Times also calls attention to the loss of the Ruhr, which it says was torn from the Reich, and as far as perceivable will remain separated from Germany for at least a generation.

"France has had her way," says the writer. "Her curiously systematic and coldly logical effort is making its goal. A new political and economic entity is making its appearance in Europe, molded and dominated by France. A new Europe is being shaped at our doors."

"What really matters in the coming election," the Times states, "is the position the British Empire is to occupy in the rapidly changing world—a world that has broken loose from all accepted standards."

tract signed yesterday with the Stines group of Ruhr industrialists. In this contract it is stipulated that all deliveries in kind shall be credited to Germany on reparations account while the taxes collected by the occupying countries shall be paid into what is called a "productive fund."

From this fund the occupying authorities would pay the cost of the occupation, subject to the rights of the Reparation Commission. This is understood to mean that France and Belgium will be unable to use the receipts from taxes even to pay the cost of maintaining their forces in the Ruhr unless permission to do so is given by the Reparation Commission.

RUHR AGREEMENT SIGNED; ALL MINES TO DELIVER COAL

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der for the communists to disband. Gessler received the funds came from Russia.

The Reichswehr killed and jailed more Germans in Thuringia in two weeks than the French have killed and jailed during their occupation of the Ruhr, answered the French, communist deputy. Froelich drew the fire of Rosenberg, Social Democrat.

"The result of the four weeks' regime of Reichswehr in Dresden," he declared, "was 24 dead and 113 wounded."

Looked at impartially, Von Seeckt's new decrees are another step in consolidating military power. The question is whether any objection to the dissolution of the various monarchistic pith organizations, they don't want another stupid fiasco like that of Ludendorff and Hitler. They have a more serious purpose to consolidate military power under the republic and to bring back the monarchy by legal means. This is only one in a long series of careful steps in that direction. The question is whether the monarchists are how Russia is going to accept suppression of all communist and third international activities. Will Russia take dissolution of the communists seriously?

Prison Terms in Liquor Cases.
By the Associated Press.
CLEBURNE, Tex., Nov. 24.—Dr. W. B. Pruitt, Glen Rose physician, and his son, E. O. Pruitt, yesterday entered pleas of guilty here to charges of violating the liquor laws. Dr. Pruitt was sentenced to two and one-half years in the State penitentiary, and E. O. Pruitt was given three one-year sentences, running concurrently.

Legal Victory for Birth Control.
By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Advocates of birth control won a legal victory when Circuit Judge Fisher granted a writ of mandamus directing Mayor Dever and Health Commissioner Bunden to issue a license for a parents' clinic to disseminate birth control information to married people. The city officials had refused the permit. Opponents of the clinic said an appeal would be taken.

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POINCARE GIVEN A FREE HAND BY HIS PARLIAMENT

French Premier Given Approval of Policy in Recent Negotiations With Regard to Germany.

By the Associated Press.
PARIS, Nov. 24.—The French Parliament, by one of the most sweeping votes of confidence in its history, approved the policy of the Government of Premier Poincare in the recent negotiations in the Council of Ambassadors with regard to Germany.

The Chamber yesterday gave the Premier carte blanche to execute his program for future forcible action in enforcing complete execution of the Versailles treaty for the protection of France's national interests and security in accord with the allies, "if possible, but alone if he must. The vote was 595 to 78."

Premier Poincare in an address to the Chamber did not flinch in his attitude of stern determination to force the Chamber immediately to proclaim either its approval or disapproval of his policy. His words seemed to remove the smoldering discontent expressed by Deputies in the Chamber, which threatened the Premier's retreat before Great Britain's viewpoint with regard to the demands to be made upon Germany.

Master Put Squarely.
The Premier laid out his responsibility squarely up to the Chamber, declaring that if it was not satisfied with his Government it could get some other Government to continue the negotiations.

Poincare cut short the discussion in the Chamber, which threatened to extend into the small hours of the morning, by insisting on an expression of plain confidence in the order of the day, without restrictions or qualifications whatsoever. He turned to his policy of the past week or his future program as elaborated. The opposition, with the elections approaching, wilted; no one seemed desirous of assuming responsibility for disavowing the action of the man whose popularity, apparently, is supreme throughout the country.

The Premier declared that France would act against Germany with or without the allies. If her security was menaced, that France was ready to face a rupture with the English. If the English refused to protect herself, Germany, he added, would be punished if she did not enable the International Military Control Commission to watch German armaments and if she did not pay indemnity for the attack on members of the Control Commission in Leipzig.

U. S. and Britain Blamed.
Poincare declared that the failure of the United States and Great Britain to ratify the guaranty pact was at the bottom of the present trouble with regard to the Military Control Commission. He placed the responsibility for the lack of penalties in the Ambassador's letter to Germany upon Great Britain, but declared France would not wait on the pleasure of the allies before acting when her security was menaced.

Amid unanimous applause from the center left communists to the extreme right royalists, Poincare served notice that France would oppose by force of arms any restoration of the Hohenzollern regime in Germany. An admission of inability to act with regard to Germany was a German Crown Prince, due to a lack of allied unanimity on this subject, however, somewhat chilled the chamber.

When the Premier announced he considered the question of military control threatened the security of France and that France might be compelled to act alone in the near future, thus emphasizing the precariousness of the accord with Great Britain and the Council of Ambassadors, the chamber decided that the Premier's summary disposal of the two questions called for wider debate. It therefore altered its program so as to have Capt. Andre Tardieu, leader of the Nationalist bloc, and to discuss both questions at once.

Views of Andre Tardieu.
Capt. Tardieu declared that non-enforcement of the treaty was the cause for lack of results. He said Poincare must adopt some policy either in connection with the allies or separately. The Premier's policy in the Ruhr and the Orient had achieved no results. "Enforce the treaty in the Ruhr," he declared, "and allied control will not present themselves," the speaker asserted.

Poincare's reply to Capt. Tardieu's criticism stamped the chairman. In great oratorical form the Premier demanded of his most severe critic what policy he would have followed, whether he would have risked disruption of the entente. He charged that Capt. Tardieu was acting from political, not national motives, in attacking the Government, which he declared for three years had endeavored to get the maximum out of the treaty.

Reparations Commissioner Begins Inquiry Into German Resources.
Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.
PARIS, Nov. 24.—The reparations Commissioner formally commenced inquiry yesterday into Germany's re-

ISADORA DUNCAN AND HER POET HUSBAND SEPARATED

Sergei Yesenin Makes Announcement After His Release Following Arrest in Moscow Saloon.

By the Associated Press.
MOSCOW, Nov. 24.—Sergei Yesenin, the poet husband of Isadora Duncan, the dancer, was released from jail today after his arrest in consequence of an argument in a saloon, appeared Thursday night at a cafe frequented by the intelligentsia. In company with a young actress and another dancer, he had been taken to the cafe, but he and Isadora had separated. The entire poet colony is excited over Sergei's release, which they declare was without rhyme or reason. Yesenin and the companions who were taken with him were released on their assurance that they had no further contact with the dancer, but had only refrained despondently to the difficulties of life for young peasant-poets. He compared with the Cambridge prosperity of the professors.

\$32,000 HIGHWAY ACCOUNT HELD UP BY HACKMANN

State Auditor Seeks Opinion on Validity of Payments for Gravel Toll Road, Near Columbia, Mo.

By the Associated Press.
JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 24.—George E. Hackmann, State Auditor, stated today that he was holding up an account from the State Highway Department, seeking to pay former stockholders in the Columbia-Ashland gravel toll road \$12,400 for the approximately 15-mile highway near Columbia, Mo., because he is awaiting an opinion from Attorney-General Jesse W. Barrett regarding the validity of the claim.

Several weeks ago the Highway Commission arranged to purchase the stretch of highway, one of the few remaining toll roads in Missouri, providing the Columbia-Ashland Gravel Road Corporation of Columbia, Mo., be dissolved.

The account as presented by the Highway Commission, according to the Auditor's statement, provides for a total of \$32,000 out of the \$450,000 appropriated for improvement of highways and institutions under the 1870,000 bond issue as follows: For Koch Hospital, \$15,000; for the new hospital building, \$70,000; and for construction of concrete roads and pavements at the St. Louis Training School for the Feeble-Minded, \$45,000.

LIQUOR IN SECRET SKIRT POCKET AND FIGHT COST WOMAN \$200

Illinois Traveler Jailed in Florida After Beating Chauffeur Bent on Wedding Maid.

By the Associated Press.
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Nov. 24.—Mrs. Helen Seymour of La Grange, Ill., was in jail here today for beating her chauffeur, the police say, with a heavy stick, fighting Constable J. F. Bartfield and possessing a quart bottle of Scotch liquor in a secret skirt pocket.

The police said the trouble started when Mrs. Seymour attempted to block the plans of her maid and chauffeur of marrying. Arraigned in police court, Mrs. Seymour was fined \$200.

Wrapped Pennies Trap Janitor.
Willy pennies, neatly rolled and wrapped, yesterday caused the undoing of Carl Klefner, janitor at the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, 4905 Washington boulevard.

J. J. Bond, pastor of the church, missed the \$50 in mail from his desk and with a patrolman went to Klefner's home 2644 Washington boulevard. Klefner at first denied, but Coke identified the wrapping of coins and Klefner confessed to the work. Klefner then confessed to the police say, and a warrant will be asked for today.

Suit Over Garbage Disposal.
A suit to enjoin the city from disposing of garbage in alleged violation of a contract with the Klein & Katz Garbage Disposal Co., was filed yesterday by the company. The suit was made last Friday when the city could not dispose of the garbage, the petition states. It is alleged the city has made arrangements to divert to Frank Hackmann and Sam Haupt, of St. Louis County, quantities of garbage which rightfully should go to the plaintiff.

sources and capacity to pay, as requested by Germany under Article 23 of the treaty of Versailles.

The request for the inquiry was made a month ago, but the action was postponed at the suggestion of Germany. In the hope that Paris and Washington might be able to agree upon a commission of experts with wide authority, as suggested by Great Britain.

The French delegation and associate delegates representing France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium, with the American observer, Col. James A. Logan, assembled yesterday under President Louis Burthen, but Germany was led gravely in. The only one who spoke was Herr Fischer, German Undersecretary of State. Partly in French and partly in German, Fischer maintained that what policy he would have followed, whether he would have risked disruption of the entente. He charged that Capt. Tardieu was acting from political, not national motives, in attacking the Government, which he declared for three years had endeavored to get the maximum out of the treaty.

\$5,000,000 TO IMPROVE BARGE LINE URGED

Mississippi Valley Association Re-elects James E. Smith as President.

By the Associated Press.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 24.—Resolutions endorsing the Lakes-to-the-Gulf deep waterway project and improvement of the channels of the Mississippi River and its three major tributaries—the Illinois, Ohio and Missouri rivers—and urging an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for improvement of the Mississippi-Warrior barge line through the addition of new equipment and the improvement of terminals, were adopted by the Mississippi Valley Association at the closing session of its fifth annual convention here today.

Other resolutions called for the speedy completion of inland waterways projects now under way, legislation that would legalize the diversion of water from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and rail freight rates that would encourage greater use of Gulf and South Atlantic ports and the construction of good roads.

James E. Smith of St. Louis, 44-year-old leader in various valley improvement projects, was unanimously re-elected president of the association. Thomas F. Cunningham of New Orleans was elected vice president at large and Walter Parker, New Orleans, was elected secretary.

Other officers elected were: E. T. Harris, Chicago; Walter Dickey, Kansas City; and James C. Andrews, Minneapolis, were elected directors. Directors elected included: Louisiana—L. P. Alexander; William Allen, M. J. Sanders, all of New Orleans; Texas—Roy Miller, Corpus Christi; and R. D. Bowen, Paris; Arkansas—John R. Ford, Fort Smith; Missouri—R. S. Downes, Pittsburg; and E. M. Allen, Helena, Missouri; W. Mackie, Kansas City; Edward A. Faust, St. Louis; Charles Waddles, St. Joseph; and Walter E. Wind, St. Louis. Illinois—Robert Hamilton, Randolph, Chicago; E. H. Halliday, Cairo; and B. L. Sommer, Peoria.

ALDERMEN PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THREE INSTITUTIONS

Board Votes \$85,000 for Koch Hospital; Bill Licensing Private Detectives Introduced.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday passed an ordinance providing \$85,000 for the Koch Hospital, the \$450,000 appropriated for improvement of highways and institutions under the 1870,000 bond issue as follows: For Koch Hospital, \$15,000; for the new hospital building, \$70,000; and for construction of concrete roads and pavements at the St. Louis Training School for the Feeble-Minded, \$45,000.

Alderman August H. Niederleke introduced a bill amending the ordinance creating one-way streets by eliminating Franklin avenue from the list of one-way streets. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 to 1.

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COOLIDGE FAVORS RETENTION OF MUSCLE SHOALS PLANT

President Thinks Government Should Grasp Opportunity to Produce Cheap Nitrate.

Post-Dispatch Bureau.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—President Coolidge has approved a plan that may result in the most ambitious business undertaking of his administration—operation by the Government of the Muscle Shoals power plant to produce nitrates.

At the White House it was said yesterday that the President was in harmony with the project of Representative Madden (Rep. Ill.) chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, for replacement of the Corps steam plant recently sold to the Alabama Power Co.

Mr. Coolidge, however, apparently leans toward retention of the Muscle Shoals project by the Government in the experimental stage of producing nitrates. Representative Madden desires to make it attractive again to a private purchaser—Henry Ford.

The harmony between the two seems to lie in the end to be accomplished, which is production of cheap nitrates.

Considered Highly Important.
The President, it is said, thinks it highly important that the United States grasp the opportunity to produce nitrates at low cost, both as a help to agriculture and national defense.

At present, it was explained, the

INVESTIGATION OF FEDERAL HOME BUILDERS PROBABLE

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pleted, the building survey showed, and about 50 projects were in various stages of progress, from the erection of the corporation's construction sign on a lot, or digging of the foundation hole, to partial completion of the building. The report showed construction work totaling \$139,192.58 was in progress at the time the receivership was ordered, Aug. 23 last.

However, nearly 100 mechanics' liens have been filed against these projects by material dealers, contractors and laborers seeking payment of claims for materials and work. These liens constitute a charge directly on the property and any party obtaining possession regardless of whether the payment is by the company or the contract holder.

But no work had been done for the majority of the approximately 400 contract holders. The audit divides the contract holders in three groups, on the basis of what had been done for them. The amounts due them, on their claims are as follows:

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price of nitrates is lower than what they can be produced for by water-power, which means much expenditure and a considerable outlay of money before a natural competition with Chile can be established.

Obviously, Mr. Coolidge believes the expenditure will be justified. While the President was not committed finally and definitely to a policy of Federal operation, it was pointed out nitrates production is an important Government matter, might be justified in attempting it just as it now deals in reforestation, road building and the opening of rivers and harbors.

Appeal to Farmers Evident.
The appeal of the proposition to farmers is evident. It was intimated immediately by Senator Norris (Rep. Neb.), who fought the Ford purchase plan with a view of eventual Government operation, that the Government, said Madden, can put fertilizer on the market from Muscle Shoals at a lower figure than it will cost with nitrates from Chile.

Producers there, he added, say if the United States cuts the price here, they will cut it to compete. This, the chairman said, is what he wants to accomplish.

was completing a large home in Webster-Groves. Money was being advanced from the Federal Co., it was stated. The home, now unfinished, would cost about \$40,000, the receivers said.

Audit of Barrett Account.
Barrett formerly was sales manager for the Lincoln Fiscal Agency, which was the selling agent for the Lincoln Housing Trust, now in receivership. He resided in a large home at 7324 Westmoreland drive, University City. The audit shows \$7321.54 was charged to his account for work on the home.

The report of the receivers states that Barrett and Beck contest the statement that they had not paid in their capital stock, claiming they were entitled to credits of approximately \$20,000 for money advanced by them to pay various obligations of the corporation.

A list of these claimed credits have been submitted to the receivers, the report states, "but the inventory and report shows the account only as it appears on the books and records, irrespective of claims for credits."

Dispute Over Commissions.
Objection also was made by Beck and Barrett against reversal in their accounts of commissions, considered unearned by the receivers, on contracts cancelled. The amount charged back on the accounts of Beck and Barrett on this basis, the report states, totals \$29,677.60. The report states the amount was charged equally to Beck and Barrett.

The receivers ask the court for authority to settle claims with individual contract holders, where possible to enable them to go on themselves with construction of homes; to call for formal receipts of claims; to dispose of whatever assets the company possesses; and to treat the claim of contract holders for whom no work was done, as unearned by the receivers, to the extent of the amounts they had paid in.

EIGHT INJURED IN HOTEL FIRE

By the Associated Press.
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FRENCH RESENT HERRICK'S REPORT

Embassy Says Nothing Given Out, but Denies Statements.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.
Published by the New York Times.
PARIS, Nov. 24.—The French government today resented the report of the Council of Ambassadors, which was published in the Post-Dispatch and New York World as a digest of Ambassador Herrick's report to the Department of State.

The American Embassy says the "embarrassing" and "misleading" information whatsoever in regard to the meeting has been given either from the Department of State at Washington, or from the embassy. The embassy does not deny, however, that Ambassador Herrick reported such things impudently to the State.

The Daily Express features the text of the story and says: "The new diplomatic departure to the publication of such a report, which is likely to arouse deep resentment in France."

The Daily Telegraph's New York correspondent has sent a cablegram to the London office, in which he reports on the meeting of the Council of Ambassadors in Paris, revealing the British threat to end the talks unless concessions were made by the French.

The dispatch also quotes the New York World's editorial on Herrick's report.

16-Year-Old Speeder Caught.
Leonard J. Carmack, 16 years old, son of Andrew Carmack, 2553 California avenue, drove through Rush street from Longfellow boulevard to Ohio avenue, last night, in his father's Ford sedan at 20 miles an hour, according to the motor policeman who chased him and caught him. He was charged with violating the speed law and driving the machine without a city license. His father was ordered to produce him in Juvenile Court.

Pinchot's Coal Price Plan Rejected.
By the Associated Press.
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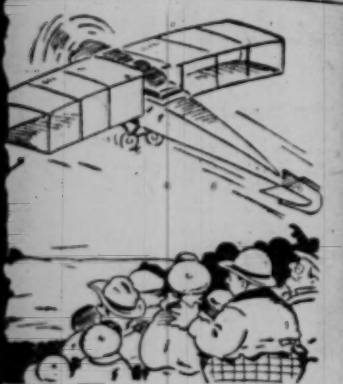
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Details and prices will appear in the Sunday newspapers.

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A few minutes the great bird.

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Time to dress for dinner now.

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SALLY.

P. S.—You were perfectly right out your Uncle Donald's mustache. I don't agree with you that it more his misfortune than his fault. Think he does it on purpose.

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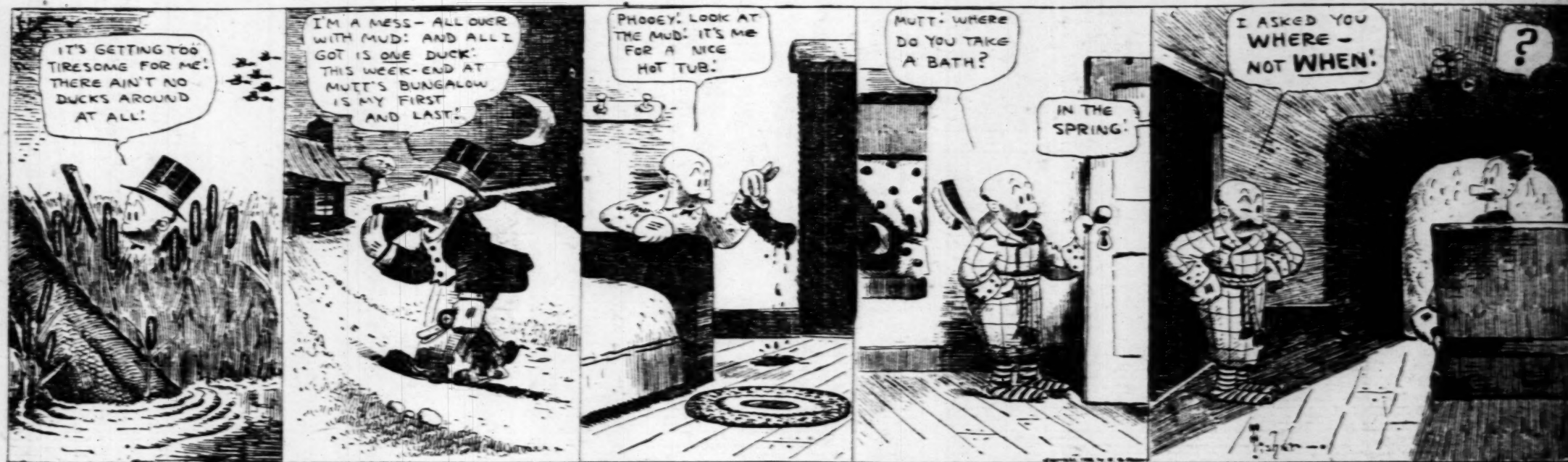
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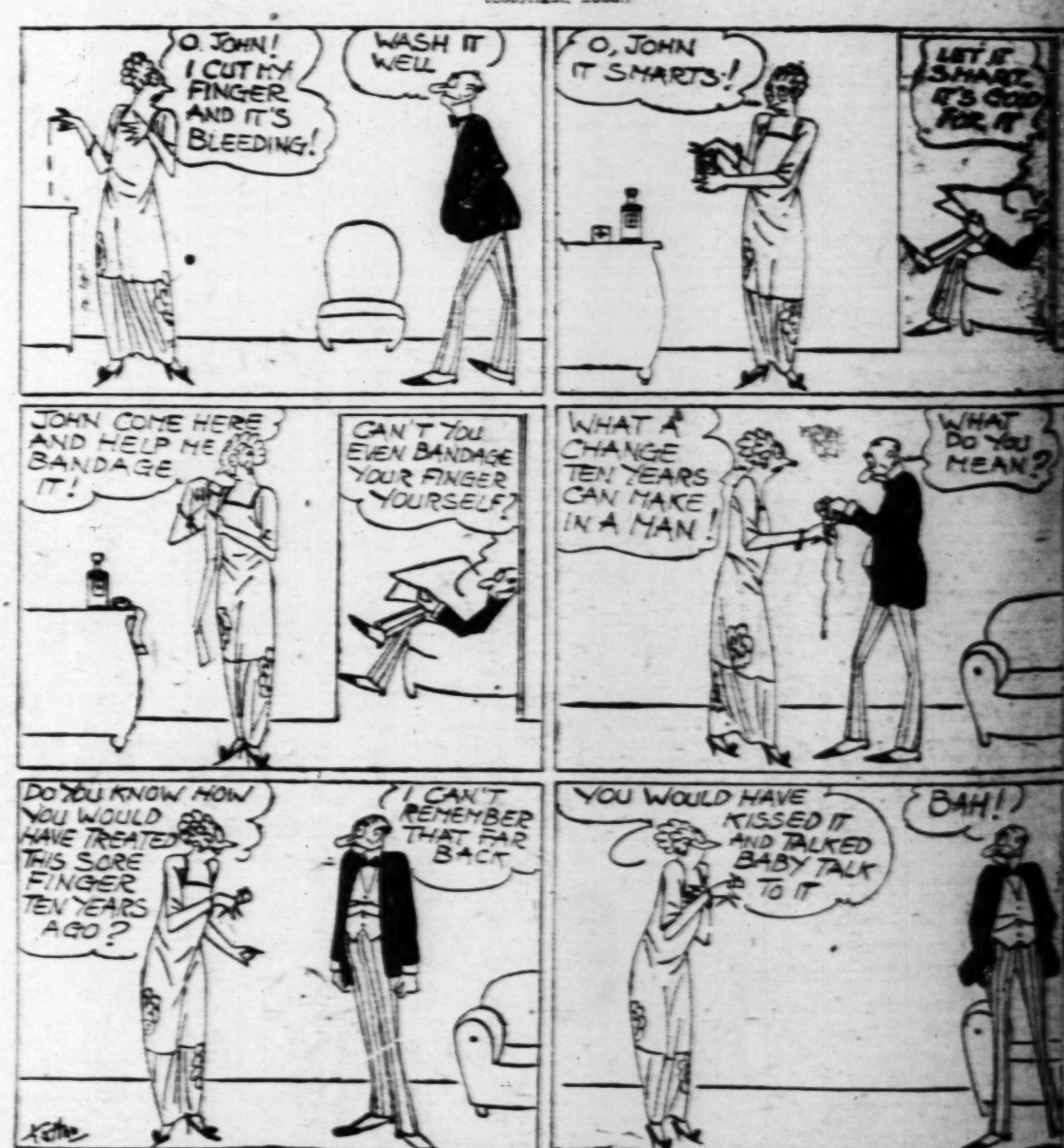
MUTT AND JEFF—IT LOOKED LIKE A CASE FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH TO JEFF—By BUD FISHER



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The Man on the Sandbox

SMOKE FIRST.
OUR need of sanatoriums. Believe me, is no joke; And likewise auditoriums. But how about the smoke?

The bonds were voted recently To raise a lot of dough; In order to live decently The smoke will have to go.

While it may be quite practical For many things to plan; For reasons prophylactical The smoke we ought to ban.

While factories and foundries Are belching clouds of smoke To these outside our boundaries Our town's a smutty joke.

"Man's Skull Turns Pistol Bullet." Sign him!

Statisticians have figured that it would require a train of 40 cars to haul enough 1000-mark notes to pay for a pound of sausage. Hot daw!

Jockey Garner said that in Memorium was the race. But his testimony may be thrown out as prejudiced.

It's said that the eye of the camera caught in Memorium finishing in front. But the bookies have paid off on Zev. So that, as the feller succinctly remarked, is that.

SEARCH US.

One of our customers asks what has become of the toddle top? Boy, page the toddle top!

Coach Gens Warner is credited with being the originator of the rubber football pants. But who invented the leather patches?

Baseball addicts might find that rubber pants would come in handy when they want to stretch in the seventh inning.

"Jack Dempsey Laughs at Report He Is Dead." Some people can't take anything seriously.

"Farmer-Labor Party May Join Democrats." That ought to give them a working majority.

"It is said that the feet of college girls are getting bigger. But the shoe manufacturers haven't noticed it, and that's where the shoe pinches.

Some of those doctors who came from the diploma mills will feel somewhat cut up after going through the mills of the gods.

"Radicals in House Demand Recognition." Hello, Radical! How's a boy?

Tex Rickard says Battling Siki is a drawing card. The fans like his style of fighting. So does Kid Norfolk.

"Watson May Enter Race for Presidency." What do you make of it, Sherlock?

FAVORITE STORIES

By Irvin S. Cobb

THE LANGUAGE OF THE CRADLE.

BOTH TARKINGTON has immortalized the young lady who talked baby talk. His characterization of her is one of the enduring creations of our native fiction. In real life, though, there sometimes looks up an instance of this falling on the part of a fond parent.

Here is a case in point: According to Montague Glass, a tired business man of the New York variety returned from lunch looking more tired than usual. To an associate in his office he said, wearily: "Ferguson's getting worse and worse."

"How do you mean—getting worse and worse?" inquired the partner. "Is he still telling stories to prove that new baby of his is the most wonderful child that ever was born in the world?"

"No, he's reached the secondary stage now," said the first speaker. "I judge from something that happened just now over at the restaurant that the infant must have arrived at the conversational stage."

"What happened?"

"Here's what happened: I heard Ferguson say to the waitress who came to take his order: 'Poor da-da thirsty! Please give da-da a jinky water!'"

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NOTICE OF COURT FIGHT TO PREVENT ALDERMEN FROM PASSING ZONE BILL

Injunction to Be Sought in
Circuit Court Tomorrow
So Board Cannot Act on
New Ordinance at 3 P. M.
as Scheduled—City
Oppose.

ENACTMENT IN FEW DAYS WAS EXPECTED

Race Between Men Seeking
to Erect Business Build-
ings in Residential Dis-
tricts and City Officials
Trying to Block Them.

This week will see a fight at City Hall and in the courts between persons trying to rush construction of filling stations and other business buildings in residential neighborhoods and city officials who are trying to restore the protection of the zoning ordinance, removed by the adverse decision of the State Supreme Court. Without such protection, members of the City Plan Commission say, more damage may be done in a few weeks than can be remedied in many years.

An injunction probably will be sought in Circuit Court tomorrow by attorneys representing certain interests to prevent the Board of Aldermen, from passing, at a special meeting called for 3 p. m., a resolution of the zoning ordinance. The measure, altered with a view to upping the Supreme Court's objection, was introduced in the board Friday, and had its second reading at a special meeting yesterday. City Counselor Haid was notified last evening by Frank K. Hennessey, an attorney, that such an injunction would be sought as soon as the Circuit Court opened tomorrow morning. The City Counselor intends to oppose the injunction application.

Officials Delay Permits.
The Building Commissioner's office, co-operating with the City Plan Commission, is interposing such delay as it can in cases of requests for permits which would violate the zoning plan. Several such applications were received yesterday. One applicant for a permit to build a filling station in what was a residential district under the zoning ordinance, and an applicant for a permit to build a store in a similar neighborhood, were told their applications would be investigated.

Applications are understood to be pending for permits to erect a 10-story apartment, to cost \$2,000,000 at the southwest corner of Union boulevard and Pershing avenue, a store and office building at the northwest corner of Belt and Pershing avenues, and a filling station in the wedge at Union boulevard, Barker and Page avenues.

Attorney Hennessey was at yesterday's meeting of the Aldermen, urging them to refuse to hasten to pass legislation. Haste is the thing that the City Plan Commission desires, and considers necessary to prevent irreparable damage. Receipt by yesterday of the Supreme Court mandate terminated the effective force of the old law. The measure now being rushed to passage are an emergency nature, to be replaced later by others more carefully prepared.

Chief Change in Law.
Chief difference between the proposed new ordinance and the old law lies in the provision of classes for compensation of property owners found to have suffered loss by reason of zoning restrictions. The Supreme Court overturned the old law because it had no such feature. The bills now pending are: A rule of the old law, a measure restricting use of property and another restricting height, under the same terms as the old law. The old law included height, use and area provisions, as was reintroduced in the belief that such a compensatory clause added by committee amendment, it might best serve the city's purposes. However, the Aldermen may enact the new ordinance instead if it chooses.

The compensatory feature was included in any of the bills when introduced, for lack of time, but all attorneys are preparing it now, in submission to the Legislative Committee. The City Plan Commission release for compensation is similar to that followed in paying damages for street openings and widening, with court adjudication of the question of damages and appointment.

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